

Linda Canty

**INDIANA SCHOOL  
FOR THE DEAF  
Preschool News  
September 5, 1997**

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### SUPERVISING TEACHER'S CORNER

Welcome to our newly renovated air conditioned building! Throughout the summer, the crew installed the air conditioning system in our building. You may notice they are now working in the Preschool gym. The gym is closed until further notice. Mike Paulone, the gym teacher, continues to have classes with your child outdoors and in the halls! Please continue to drop off and pick up your child in front of the building until further notice.

After a sad departure of two teachers, April Bippus and Dan Frank, we are happy to have two new teachers, Cami Cass and long-term substitute, Joan Bippus. Read what they tell about themselves in this newsletter.

Our first Parent Council Advisory meeting is on September 17th in the Multi-Purpose Room. Please come and join us!

Have a good year!  
Louise

### GREETINGS FROM NURSERY SCHOOL

Wow- it sure is good to be back to school! It was a long summer without our adorable toddlers! We look forward to another wonderful year working with your family. As always, "teamwork" is the key to successful education, right?

We have had some minor changes over the summer in Nursery School though.

First of all, Pat "graduated" with our two year old class and moved on to Preschool - smile. Kelli Jo, former Pre-Kindergarten aide, has now joined our team. Welcome, Kelli Jo! Also we want to welcome our newest addition - Aerianna Rivers and her family. It is great to have you with us!

Smile,  
Diana

### NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL CLASSES

Our Preschool class would like to welcome a new student to the school, Glen Cole. He is the only boy in our class along with Jessica Byers, Kate Fetzer, and Maj Lesti.

We will be learning about ourselves this month including our senses, our family, and where we live.

We hope everyone will have a wonderful school year!

Angi & Karen

ABC - Welcome back!

Hi! I am new here at ISD. I would like to introduce myself as Joan V. Bippus. I just moved here from Frederick, Maryland. For the last four years, I've worked at the Maryland School for the Deaf as a Developmental Education Specialist.







I am here as a long-term substitute teacher, replacing Dan Frank. I guess we are switching places - he's at MSD now!

It's nice to see many smiles around here. I look forward to working with you all. Hope to get to meet you all soon.

Joan

Hello! We are very excited to be back to school. Before I share the fun experiences we had this week, I would like to introduce myself. As you may know, the Preschool Department lost two neat people this year and I'm replacing one of them.

I'm Cami Cass and I graduated from Fordham University with a Bachelors in General Science and Psychology and from the University of Cincinnati with a Masters in Early Childhood and Special Education. While working toward my masters, I taught preschool at the St. Rita School for the Deaf for four years. I moved to Indiana last year and taught in the Middle School Department. At the same time I was involved in developing the Early Childhood Curriculum and will still continue with that project. I am thrilled to be a part of the Preschool Department!

The theme "Amazing Me" has produced many interesting experiences this week. We laughed at silly faces in the mirror, "ooh-ahhed" while sharing art work such as finger-painting with sand, piecing a variety of materials together to form collages, and sculpturing with play-dough. We discovered our likes such as exploring different activities independently and dislikes such as naps! Education is a life-long learning process - even the staff are learning more from the students. Students are unique and have much to offer to the world.

The class really misses Kylie! We are looking forward to her coming back to school to learn with us.

Cami

The class of young 3 year olds

### NEWS FROM THE PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

Welcome back to school. This year six boys are in the class. We have been getting reacquainted this week. The class consists of Ryan Abney, Danzel Carter, Bradley Huser, Vernon Hochstetler, Ben Polstra, and Kayree Thomas.

Our class will be working with Cynthia Reynolds' class for Learning Center, recess, and field trips.

We're looking forward to a fun-filled learning year. Come on in to watch us.

Sharon

Welcome back to our "exciting" Preschool.

I am pleased to take this opportunity to meet you and welcome your child to my class. A good learning experience is built on a cooperative effort between parent, child, and teacher.

If you are interested in volunteering, you are more than welcome at anytime! I am excited about this new year. I hope we can work together to make it one of growth, discovery, and significance for your child.

Welcome, Joshua Glossenger to our Pre-K class!

Cynthia







### MUSIC/MOUMENT

Howdy! Expect to see a new face this week across from Nursery School. The name's Heather Cronin - soon to be Heather Games and the game is Music and Movement Class!

Ya'll might be wondering what I'll be teaching these little ones... well you name it! Anything from Aerobics to the Xylophone, mostly consisting of poetry in ASL and hands-on activities. So, stop in and join the fun!

Heather

### THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Welcome back to another fantastic year! Hope you all kept healthy and fit exercising daily with your child. We will continue your good work with the students in our daily PE classes.

As you know, the gym will be closed temporarily due to the installation of air conditioning. No worry! We will be holding classes outside or in the KRC. If you happen to see us, join in for some healthy fun!

Michael

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

I have been asked by several parents to write a short column on parent issues. The format would be a question sent in from a parent and parents would be asked to respond in ASL or English.

These questions and answers could be printed within the bi-weekly newsletter that goes home with each student and

could also be shown on our school-wide TV system.

Do you like this idea? Would you be willing to contribute? Please contact me this month with your ideas.

Call Diane Hazel Jones, Family Resource Coordinator 317-924-8418 TTY/V







# FAMILY ORIENTATION AND ADVOCACY CONFERENCE

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SEPTEMBER 21, SUNDAY 9 - 4 PM

PARENT PROGRAM

CHILD CARE

SIBLING PROGRAM

FOR ALL NEW AND EXISTING FAMILIES



FOR INFO OR TO RSVP, CALL 1-317-924-8418







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# INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

## Preschool News

September 19, 1997







## SUPERVISING TEACHER'S CORNER

### **Parent Volunteers Needed**

Friday, September 19th, several Preschool parents met with PIP coordinators, Lori Dille & Vera Masters also supervising teacher, Louise Fitzpatrick in Room 114. Here are the list of jobs we are asking for help:

- \*Teacher helper (2 mornings a week)
- \*Fund Raising Helper (2 mornings a week)
- \*Office Helper (2 mornings a week)

Please call 920-6256 TTY if you are able to help.

Homecoming is on October 4th, with the North Carolina School for the Deaf. The week of September 29 - October 3rd is Homecoming Spirit Week. Dress your child in Orange and Black everyday!

Louise

## GREETINGS FROM NURSERY SCHOOL

Zen and the Art of.....Nursery School

Having the daily opportunity to be in the company of toddlers has taught me several valuable lessons in life. Here are but a few of the remarkable lessons I have learned.

\*notice the small things in life : a dot of sunshine on the hallway floor can capture Nathan's attention and laughter for days.

\*keep your age in perspective:

Mercedes thinks everyone is a "baby" but herself - how wise and nurturing she is.

\*avoid life in the fast lane: walking anywhere with DJ is a wonderfully slow journey of observation and contemplation.

\*if you seek long enough you will find an answer to your prayers: just ask Colin who went room to room, never giving up, to find Mommy - what a smile!

\*if at first you don't succeed, try, try again: Aerianna will be with us soon. We miss her!

Smile,  
Diana

## NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL CLASSES

F = Flowers : We have planted seeds and hope to grow some flowers soon. The flowers are the symbol of our growing process.

U = Uno: 1,2,3, We have been working on counting lately with our favorite candy, M&M's Yummy!

N = Names: Our names are Hillary Peters, Jenna Smith, Jeremy Dean, and Meg Katter. Writing and spelling our names are what we have been doing lately.  
Overall,

F-U-N is what really is happening in our classroom. We are having so much FUN. We learned, played and shared in many fun ways.

Joan & Angie



We've only been in school for 3 weeks and we have been so busy having fun.

We celebrated Glen Cole's birthday and now everyone in our class is 4 years old. The students enjoyed seeing what other students brought in to smell: peach candle, smashed banana, and Bounce fabric softener, feel: a raccoon hat, yarn, cotton, and glitter, and to taste: cereal and pretzels, during the "5 Senses" week.

On Tuesday we had great fun at Oaklandon park swinging, driving a wooden car, and crawling through a wooden tunnel.

Enjoy the warm weather, soon it will be cool.

Angi & Karen

#### NEWS FROM THE PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

We took a field trip to Oaklandon Park on Sept. 18. The boys had a great time. We ate a simple picnic lunch and rested.

On Sept. 26th the seventh boy will enter our class. We are looking forward to his arrival. His name is Javon Winston and he is from Gary, IN.

Sharon

Hi Parents & Grandparents,

It takes a lot of courage for Pre - Kindergarten children to enter into new and unfamiliar situations. So, we have introduced them to the character trait of courage. We've taught them; it's okay to fear such things as new places & new faces, but then we remind them to overcome their fears. Praise your child

for being brave while at school with the teachers and the other children. We have learned & signed a variety of character traits and have role played these emotions, too!

Our first field trip was going to Oaklandon Park and playing at my house. We had a fun time!

Cynthia & Curtis

#### MUSIC/MOUMENT

Let's note our progress in the classroom of Heather Games; Music and Movement that is....

First of all, each class made a "Hands Make Beautiful Music" banner that's in the hallway outside the room and learned a "Paint" song related to the banner. Several classes will perform this song for Grandparent's Day!

Come and see our little hands in splashin' action!

Also, note our change....classes are on Mon. - Wed. - Fri. only until further notice.

Thanks!

Heather

#### LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to another year of good reading!

At long last, the card catalog in the Main Library will be on line with I-MCPL (Indpls-Marion County Public Library) sometime in November or December. We will also network with 28 other high school libraries in Marion County. This system will accelerate our searches for books and materials. We will also be able to borrow books and



materials from the said libraries and vice versa by the courier provided by I-MCLP. All students and staff will have a library card to check out books and materials. With the four new computers now being set up in the library, the students will be able to access the Internet for research as well as searches for books and materials. This system is made possible by the Indianapolis Foundation through the efforts of INCOLSA (Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority). Letters of thanks from you will be appreciated by the Indianapolis Foundation. For more details, you may contact Linda Canty, Librarian at 920-6210 TTY or via Relay Indiana 1-800-743-3333.

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will be coming soon. More details will be announced later.

# Indiana Deaf School

## FRC/PTCO

### 1997-98 Family Calendar of Events

#### AUGUST

- 14 PTCO Board Meeting (7-9 pm)
- 20 Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- 25 Registration Day
- 26 School Starts

#### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Labor Day (No School)
- 3 All School Picnic (4:30 pm)
- 14 PTCO Board Meeting (4-6 pm)
- 15 High School PAC Meeting
- 18 PS/Elem/MS PAC Meetings
- 21 Family Orientation & Advocacy Conference
- 22-26 Deaf Heritage Week
- 26 PTCO Ice Cream Social

#### OCTOBER

- 4 Homecoming
- 9 PTCO Board Meeting (7-9 pm)
- 16 PS/Elem/MS PAC Meetings
- 17 Grandparents' Day
- 20 High School PAC Meeting
- 22-24 Fall Break

#### NOVEMBER

- 2 Bi-Lingual/Bi-Cultural Conference
- 5 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 7 Mothers' Luncheon
- 9 PTCO Board Meeting (4-6 pm)
- 17 High School PAC Meeting
- 20 PS/Elem/MS PAC Meetings
- 27-30 Thanksgiving Break

#### DECEMBER

- 11 PTCO Board Meeting (7-9 pm)
- 15 High School PAC Meeting
- 18 PS/Elem/MS PAC Meetings
- 19 Winter Break Begins

#### JANUARY

- 5 School Resumes
- 9 Fathers Luncheon
- 11 PTCO Board Meeting (4-6 pm)
- 12 High School PAC Meeting
- 19 Martin Luther King Day (No School)
- 22 PS/Elem/MS PAC Meetings
- 24 ASL Storytelling Night

#### FEBRUARY

- 8 PTCO Board Meeting (4-6 pm)
- 9 High School PAC Meeting
- 12-16 Winter Break
- 19 PS/Elem/MS PAC Meetings
- 22 Parent Workshop

#### MARCH

- 12 PTCO Board Meeting (7-9 pm)
- 16 High School PAC Meeting
- 19 PS/Elem/MS PAC Meetings
- 22 Parent Workshop
- 28-5 Spring Break

#### APRIL

- 6 School Resumes
- 9 PTCO Board Meeting (7-9 pm)
- 13 No School
- 16 PS/Elem/MS PAC Meetings
- 19 Parent Workshop
- 20 High School PAC Meeting

#### MAY

- 3 PTCO Day
- 17 PTCO Board Meeting (4-6 pm)
- 18 High School PAC Meeting
- 21 PS/Elem/MS PAC Meetings
- 25 Memorial Day (No School)
- 29 PTCO Scholarship(s) Awarded
- 29 Preschool & High School Graduation

#### JUNE

- 5 Elementary & Middle School Graduation
- 7 PTCO Strategic Planning Retreat

For additional information on the following subjects, please contact the individuals listed below:

Parent Workshops & Family Events	Diane Hazel Jones	924-8418
ASL Classes	Bea Pfaff	920-6219
PTCO Board Meetings	Scott Jensen	841-3087
Parent Advisory Council Meetings	Mary Dall	842-6108



*Lindy Candy*

# INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

### OCTOBER 5, 1997

#### GREETINGS FROM NURSERY SCHOOL

If you haven't already noticed, Nursery School is growing everyday! We now have a Baby Play group which meets on Tuesday mornings. Stop by to say hello to Maren Smith, Cody Crace, Colton Crace, and Kenneth Peters! We also have two siblings who join us while their parents volunteer at ISD: Colin Combes, brother of Daniel Allen and Sarah Bensen, sister of Jessica. And last, but not least, is a big welcome to Capriella Fenicle who will be with us while Daddy Jonas is busy with storytelling and art projects for Nursery School and Preschool! Join us for all the fun - just be careful where you step!

Smile,  
Diana

#### NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL CLASSES

##### "A VISIT ON THE BABY SIDE"

The past two weeks we had several opportunities to go to our old classroom because unfortunately Diana had a bug. Well...let us tell you that we were very busy. We informed the teachers who had dirty diapers that needed to be changed. We were surprised how much these babies put things in their mouths. We had to remind them to clean up when finished with an activity (of course they did not listen!). Diana makes the job look simple - it wasn't! Smile. Our teacher told us that we used to be like

them when we were babies. Well...we don't believe her!

"The Barely Three's"  
(Trent, Joseph, Kylie, Sarah, Ashton)

This month's theme is "We Are Family". We will be discussing where we live, who lives in the same household, and relatives. We drew members of our family and the house/apartment we live in. We also counted how many moms, dads, sisters, and brothers our class and the other class had in total.

Last week we enjoyed Deaf Heritage Week by making a class poster that says "We're Deaf - We're Proud". Each student signed one word as I took their picture. We also made butterflies by tracing each student's hands, made "I love you" cookies, and printed our hands and feet on paper with paint.

Hope to see you at the Homecoming football game Saturday!

Angi & Karen

#### NEWS FROM THE PRE- KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

Parents of Medically Involved Children are invited to meet each other and discuss concerns. The meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room in Preschool, on October 15th from 1:00-2:30. This group began as a time for parents of

CHARGE children to share concerns.  
This is a small group and quite  
informative.

October 13th all the Preschool classes  
will go to stonycreek Pumpkin Farm. We  
will ride a hay wagon, pick a pumpkin,  
tour a barn with horses, pet some small  
farm animals, and have a picnic. It's a  
fun day. Parents are invited to join us.

Sharon



Find more  
of what

**You  
Want**

at the  
**Scholastic Book Fair!**

October 3, 1997

Dear Parents:

Superintendent Stailey has announced the celebration of the Scholastic Book Fair to be held in the Alumni Hall Library October 13 - 17 from 8:30 to 2:30 daily. Scholastic Fairs is the company that has sponsored the ISD Book Fair for several years. Students and teachers have always been very pleased with the quality of the selections available.

We are sending home with your child a list of the books and materials that will be on display. Please look over the titles and write down your choices on the back of the list. Then send the list and money back with your child before the Book Fair. Checks should be made payable to PTCO (Parent-Teacher-Counselor Organization). **DO NOT INCLUDE TAX!!** Your child will have the opportunity to browse and make purchases at the Book Fair with his or her teacher. Parents are welcome to visit and/or assist with the Book Fair. Please call ahead if you can help.

We are grateful to PTCO for sponsoring this annual sale. All proceeds from the Book Fair will be used to purchase new books and educational materials for ISD's libraries. Cash and checks will be accepted for payment. C.O.D. orders cannot be accepted.

Many thanks for your continued cooperation and support for ISD's libraries.

Sincerely,

*Linda Canty*

Linda Canty,  
Coordinator of Library Services

**Everyone's  
invited!**

**SCHOLASTIC**



## School Pictures

Dates for school pictures will be **Tuesday, October 14**, for **Preschool and Middle School students and staff**; **Wednesday, October 15**, for **Elementary School students and staff**; and **Thursday, October 16**, for **High School students and staff**. Pictures will be taken in **Alumni Hall, Room G04**.

The photography classes and yearbook class are working together on the school picture project. Student photographers under the guidance of instructor **Dave Morpew** will take individual student and staff pictures. Yearbook staff members under the guidance of advisor **Nancy Thomas** will be responsible for the paperwork involved.

The order procedure and packages available will be different this year. **We are offering one student package only for \$13.00.** The package will contain 1-8x10, 2-5x7, 4-3x5, 16 wallets, 16 mini-billfolds.

**Orders must be received on or before picture day. Payment is not required at the time of order, but pictures will not be delivered without payment.**

**Full payment must be made by November 3.**

Picture packages should be ready for delivery in 3-4 weeks.

For the first time we are offering a 5x7 class picture for **preschool and elementary** students. The class pictures will be taken in the afternoon (Tuesday for preschool, Wednesday for elementary).

**Packages that include a class picture will cost \$16.00.**

**Educational staff without students and support staff** may have their pictures taken on any of the three days. **The staff package will be 16 wallets for \$5.00.**

The order procedure is the same as for students.

We are excited about the opportunity this project provides for our students. They are learning skills that they will be able to apply in the work world. They are also making a positive contribution to their school. We will probably make some mistakes as we go but they will be correctable mistakes. We would appreciate your assistance, understanding, and support in making this project a success.

**Dave Morpew, Photography Instructor**  
**Nancy Thomas, Yearbook Advisor**



# Bilingual/Bicultural Conference For Parents

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*SUNDAY*

*NOVEMBER 2, 1997*

*8:30 AM- 5 PM*



For more info, contact: Diane Jones at 924-8418



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**October 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 & 26**

**Performing Arts Center, 575 W. Carmel Dr.**

The October 19th performance will be interpreted for the deaf

Tickets: \$8.00 for adults

\$5.00 for seniors & children under 12

Time: 7:30pm - Friday & Saturdays

2:30pm - Sunday matinees

**Call 815-9387 for Reservations**



Linda Carty

# INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

### OCTOBER 17, 1997

#### GREETINGS FROM NURSERY SCHOOL

Once again, we would like to welcome a new addition to Nursery School - I told you we keep growing everyday! A big hello goes to 2 year old Grant Henry and his parents Lora and Mike. Glad you can be a part of our fun-filled days!

Monday was an exciting day for all of us. We joined the Preschoolers for our annual trip to Stoney Creek Pumpkin Farm. What fun! We rode on a hay ride and picked pumpkins. We even got to feed the goats until the rain chased us back to ISD -boo hoo! But, we made the best of it, and enjoyed our picnic lunch in the class room. After all, flexibility is the key to happiness!

Smile,  
Diana

#### NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL CLASSES

Happy Harvesting from the 4 year olds!

We had a great time at Stoney Creek Pumpkin Farm - until it rained. In class, we had discussed that when pumpkins start to grow they are green and as they grow bigger they become orange. While at the farm the students showed each other some green pumpkins they found!

Reminder: next Wednesday is a half day and there's no school on Thursday and Friday.

We hope the weather won't become too cold before our next field trip to

Eagle Creek Park for a sensory walk on October 29th.

Angi & Karen

Fall is HERE!

We have done lots of things lately. We went to Stoney Creek Pumpkin Patch, where we got our own pumpkins! After carving our class pumpkin we cooked the pumpkin seeds for our snack. Yummy! We also collected colorful leaves and will make a picture with the leaves.

On October 17th, some of our grandparents will visit us for "Grandparents Day". We have been practicing a singed song with our movement/rhythm teacher, Heather, so that we can perform for our grandparents on Friday.

Glad that Fall is here cuz it's fun!

Joan's class-  
Jeremy, Hillary, Meg, and Jenna

#### NEWS FROM THE PRE- KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

Welcome!

First of all, I want to welcome Michael Myers to our Pre-K class - Glad to have you with us!

Our current theme is "Ways of Living Things." We have been talking about different kinds of animals and role playing a variety of animal characteristics. We also have been making masks of animal faces. We are having lots of fun learning and role playing animal ways!

Next week, you all have fun! I won't be seeing you until the 28th of October!

I'll be in Hawaii! I'll be sure to bring some sun back to Indiana from Hawaii!!! I really appreciate those parents who will be helping our class during my absence. Many thanks to you all!

Cynthia

### Supervising Teacher

Fall Festival is around the corner. It's on Wednesday, October 22nd in the Multi-Purpose Room. Look for a flyer being sent home soon!

Installment of the new air conditioning system in the Preschool gym is nearly done! Hopefully, the gym will be open the first week of November. We look forward to its reopening because it holds the center of all activities for preschool children and families!

The children will be trick or treating on October 31st. We encourage character costume dressing that is not scary. Come join the fun!

Louise

### Announcements

#### WINDOWS GIFT SHOP

The Tech Prep 3 students have their store, the **WINDOWS Gift Shop**, open daily from 8 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. The shop is a student-run business and is located in the Vocational Building, Room 7104. There is a gray banner hanging outside the door in the hallway. You can't miss it! The staff includes Jamaica Caldwell, Christina Edwards, Andy

Pike, Joshua Powers, Amanda Stidham, and George Young. The teachers are Sharon Baker and Nancy Thomas. Please stop in and visit!!

Gift Shop items include cups, t-shirts, sweatshirts, megaphones, notepads, buttons, pencils, and hats with ISD designs; Wehring Wetlands t-shirts and buttons; Tech Prep t-shirts; and pens. We also have candy--two different kinds of Skittles, Plain and Peanut M&M's, Blow Pops, and Sweet Tarts. Come by and check out our affordable prices!!  
**LOOK FOR OUR  
ADVERTISEMENTS POSTED  
AROUND SCHOOL!**

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#### Students Remember:

*10% of what they read  
20% of what they hear  
30% of what they see  
50% of what they see and hear  
70% of what they say  
90% of what they do and say*

What are the implications of this for culturally and linguistically different students?

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On registration day, any parent who signed up to volunteer got to enter their name in a drawing for special prizes.

More than 130 parents signed up to volunteer for various events during this school year.

The winners of the drawing are:

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Kitty Lee    | Elementary Dept.<br>TTY |
| 2. Renita Terry | Elementary Dept.        |



- ISD Sweatshirt
3. Leann Abney      Preschool  
ISD Sweatshirt
4. Tammy Ralstin    Elementary  
Clock Light/Alarm
5. John Whited      Elementary  
ISD Sweatshirt
6. Brenda Bratton    Middle School  
"T" Sweater





# INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 5, 1997

Dear Parents,

We're glad to announce that our Preschool Newsletter will now be published monthly with a new format! Based on staff and parent suggestions, we hope this change meets your expectations. Of course, we would appreciate your ongoing feedback, so just let our editor, Diana Battiste, know how we can effectively keep you informed of Preschool and ISD events!

Thanks!

Louise Fitzpatrick  
Supervising Teacher

## PARENT TIPS

### "What's Play all About"

Often someone innocently asks, "Play, play, play! Is that all they do in Preschool?" Our reply is "YES!!!". Why? Because play is the foundation of later academic success! Through play preschoolers learn important social and educational concepts. Of course, "learning", through play doesn't just happen. It requires a choice of well planned activities and supportive environment.

Effective classrooms and gymnasiums are very specialized learning environments designed to meet the needs of each child. Materials are carefully selected to encourage the children to learn through hands-on, active involvement. Teachers and aides facilitate the learning process by helping the children experiment and problem solve, while promoting language development.

Social skills are also developing as preschoolers learn to share, take turns and compromise. And at the same time, physical coordination develops as children run, jump and use playground and gym equipment. Another benefit of play! So, the next time you have some free time, visit Preschool and join us at play! Together we can enhance creativity, reduce stress, and above all, have some FUN!



## **CURRENT EVENTS**

Thursday 12/4	Preschool Parents' Gathering 1:00-2:30pm in Preschool Multi-purpose Room
Friday 12/5	Deaf Hoosier Senior Citizens Day Deaf Hoosier Basketball Classic and Homecoming
Monday 12/8	BiBi Family Discussion Group 8:15-9:15am Multi-purpose Room
Monday 12/15-19	Storytelling Week
Thursday 12/18	PAC meeting 8:00 am in Preschool Multi-purpose Room
Friday 12/19	Last day before Winter Break! 12:30 Dismissal

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Preschool enrollment has been steadily increasing since the beginning of school! It's great having the opportunity to work (and play!) with these new students and their families. Welcome to all!

### **Parent Infant Play Group**

Colton Crace - Fishers  
Cody Crace - Fishers  
Maren Smith - Beech Grove  
Kenneth Peters - Indianapolis  
Aspen Games - Indianapolis  
Joshua Scales - Indianapolis

### **Nursery School**

Aerianna Rivers - Indianapolis  
Colin Combes - Anderson  
Capriella Fenicle - Plainfield  
Grant Henry - Zionsville  
Sabrina Hicks - Indianapolis

### **Preschool**

Andrew Morrill - Indianapolis  
Brett Clark - North Vernon  
Glen Cole - Newburg



Vernon McIn, Jr. - Gary  
Jordan Bradley - Peru

### **Pre - Kindergarten**

Javon Miller - Gary  
Josh Glossenger - Noblesville  
Michael Meyer - Franklin

## **JSTC NEWS (JOB SKILLS TRAINING CENTER)**

Keep your eyes open for the following JSTC projects:

1. Sale of "jewelry" and buttons for Basketball Homecoming(Dec 1-5)
2. Sale of Holiday Poinsettias and Cyclome (Dec 2 -?)
3. The re-opening of The Stellar Cellar
  - \* We are gratefully accepting donations of "gently used" items for The Stellar Cellar store

### **Preschool Parents' Gathering**

Want to be the "parent" you always dreamed of being -knowledgeable, confident and full of joy? Then join us weekly for our gathering in the Multi-purpose Room. You'll meet other parents and gain the support and information you need to meet the challenges of parenthood. Interpreter provided. See you there Thursdays!!!

Diana Battiste & Cami Cass  
Group Facilitators

### **ISD POLICIES**

The following policy is printed for your review. The Flu season has begun! Stay healthy please!!!

### **The Parent Family Resource Center**

The Video Tape Lending Library is now located in the Parent Infant Program Office, Room # 114 Preschool Department.

Vera Masters, PIP(Parent Infant Program) Coordinator has been inventoring all the tapes and is responsible for the lending of the vidoe tapes. The tapes are FREE and any parent can borrow up to 2 videos for 2 weeks. Please return them as we have many parents who wish to borrow them .



## Health Center Guidelines to Illness

The Indiana State Department of Health advises parents that "no child can attend school who is acutely ill or has a fever, cough, respiratory illness, or diarrhea. If the child is present at school with these symptoms, the child should be temporarily removed from the school setting."

Any student who is suspected of having either an acute illness, injury or rash, should be sent to the Health Center for evaluation. Treatment, parental contact, and possibly sending the student home is the responsibility of the Health Center Staff. Guidelines and regulations for such actions are developed by the Indiana State Department of Health with appropriate modifications per the ISD medical director. As in all public school environments, cooperation between schools, health departments, physicians, and parents is needed to control communicable diseases among school children.

Specific health conditions which could prohibit a student from attending classes are:

1. Fever of 100 or higher
2. Widespread rash which has not been examined by a doctor
3. Vomiting
4. Persistent diarrhea
5. Draining or matted eyes
6. Symptoms of a respiratory infection such as a persistent cough, fever, large amounts of nasal drainage which is green or yellow
7. Chicken Pox: returning to school is allowed when blisters have scabbed over and the student is fever-free

The return of a student who has been sent home because of a communicable disease is monitored by the Indiana School for the Deaf Health Center staff who use the guidelines established per the Indiana State Department of Health. Therefore, students who are returning to school after experiencing such a disease should first come to the Health Center for appropriate evaluation. Re admission to school can occur:

1. When is apparent to school officials that the student is no longer ill, no longer has a communicable disease, or no longer is infested with parasites.
2. Upon certification of a physician that the student is no longer ill, no longer has a communicable disease, or no longer is infested with parasites.
3. Upon certification of a physician that the student has a communicable disease, but the disease is not transmissible through normal school contacts.

All students in Indiana schools MUST be appropriately immunized against childhood diseases. An outline of the current immunization requirements for school entry is always available in the Health Center. Students who do not have proof of the necessary immunizations will be sent home until said documentation is obtained and is on file at the Health Center.